

PROJECT REVIEW SHEET - EZ1

HISTORIC & CULTURAL RESOURCES REVIEW

Property / Client Name:	Salt Creek Estuary Reconnection, 11-1289
Worksite Name/Number:	Crescent Bay Lane (Worksite 1 of 1)
Funding Agency:	Rec. and Conserv. Office

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PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TYPE OF WORK TO BE COMPLETED

(Be as detailed as possible to avoid having to provide additional information)

Provide a detailed description of the proposed project:

Salt Creek is located on the Strait of Juan de Fuca on the Olympic Peninsula. 15 acres of the 48 acre estuary & salt marsh are isolated from Salt Creek and the rest of the estuary by a 1920's earthen dike road, Crescent Bay Lane, that is 1000 ft. long, 10 ft. high and 10-14 ft. wide. Two square 1 foot wooden culverts were installed when the dike was built. These undersized culverts are mostly collapsed and allow very limited fish access through the dike road, at times leading to fish stranding in the west estuary. The dike road is entirely on private land and provides sole access to 24 private parcels, 9 residences, and actively managed private forest lands. NOSC will partner with the community to achieve the project goal to reconnect 15 acres of salt marsh by breaching the dike and constructing vehicle crossings.

Project Objectives are: 1) Enhance 15 acres of salt marsh through restoring tidal hydrology and associated ecosystem processes 2) Provide fish access to 15 acres of salt marsh. 3) Improve tidal channel connectivity and complexity and decrease isolated pools in the marsh.

The project will lead to a 1/3 increase in habitat for juvenile salmonids out-migrating from Salt Creek a coho stronghold and for migrants traveling along the nearshore of the Straits of Juan De Fuca. Only 7 miles west of the Elwha mouth, the estuary is the first encountered by migrating Elwha juveniles. Non-natal estuaries are important habitats for ESA-listed chinook which have been documented in the estuary and for ESA-listed bull trout.

Describe existing project site conditions.

Land is privately owned. Aside from the dike road bisecting the estuary/salt marsh, the land is not currently under any active use. This is a historically highly functioning salt marsh, the second largest in the Western and Central Straits of Juan de Fuca, and provides nursery and refuge grounds for numerous natal and non-natal species.

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Describe any proposed ground disturbing activities. That is, will a tool(s) be used to move earth (soil, rock, gra
Excavators, backhoes and dump trucks will be used to remove portions of the dike. Pile driver will be used to set bridge pile. Crane and excavators will be used to set bridge decking and abutments. Excavators and backhoes will be used to reconnect tidal channels.

Will buildings be altered or demolished? If so please complete a DAHP Determination of Eligibility EZ2 form for each building affected by the proposed project and attach the form to your project in PRISM. <http://www.dahp.wa.gov/pages/Documents/Sites.htm>

No impact to buildings

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If no PRISM map, please attach a copy of the relevant portion of a 7.5 series
USGS quad map and outline the project impact area.
(USGS Quad maps are available on-line at <http://www.topozone.com>)

Worksite Location (identified with star):

Address: Crescent Bay Lane, Port Angeles.

Township: 31N
Range: 08W
Section: 21

City:
County: Clallam
Latitude: 48.16
Longitude: -123.71

